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SUBJECT: COURTESY CALL OF NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON,
SEVILLE SACASA

1. NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, SEVILLE SACASA, CALLED ON ME TODAY TO FILL ME IN ON HIS LATEST OPINION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE RESULTS OF THE UPCOMING VOTE ON SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA IN THE OAS GA. SEVILLA SACASA STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION THOSE WHO WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF CUBA WERE: CHILE, ARGENTINA, PERU, MEXICO, ECUADOR, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, JAMAICA, BARBADOS, AND PANAMA. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT APPEARED AT THE PRESENT TIME THAT COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA MIGHT WELL ABSTAIN. AMBASSADOR SEVILLA SACASA SAID THAT HE FELT THAT THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH WERE 100 PERCENT SURE TO VOTE AGAINST THE REMOVAL OF SANCTIONS WERE: UNITED STATES, HAITI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, NICARAGUA, HONDURAS, PARAGUAY AND BOLIVIA, AND THAT THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES WERE "90 PERCENT" SURE TO VOTE AGAINST REMOVAL : COSTA RICA, URUGUAY, BRAZIL, EL SALVADOR, AND GUATEMALA.

2. AMBASSADOR SEVILLA SACASA ADVISED THAT HE WAS MEETING WITH THE HONDURAN AND EL SALVADORIAN FONMINS ON APRIL 2 IN WASHINGTON IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF CIRCUMSTANCES HAD PROGRESSED TO THE POINT THAT THE HONDURAN/ EL SALVADOR DISPUTE MIGHT BE ENDED. ON APRIL 3 SEVILLA SACASA IS MEETING WITH THE FONMINS AND AMBASSADORS OF THE FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES PRIVATELY AT HIS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS IN ADVANCE THEIR HOPEFULLY UNIFIED POSITION
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AGAINST THE REMOVAL OF SANCTIONS ON CUBA. HE WILL AT THAT TIME, HE SAID, "FEEL OUT" THE FONMINS OF COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA. SEVILLA SACASA SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO KEEP DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HURWITCH INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

3. NEW SUBJECT: THE URUGUAYAN CHARGE D' AFFAIRES IN NICARAGUA AT A RECEPTION IN MY RESIDENCE, MARCH 29 TOLD ME THAT URUGUAY WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE AGAINST ANY CHANGE IN THE PRESENT OAS STATUS TOWARD CUBA.
SHELTON

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